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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CR No. 2:22-cr-00471-SPG

11 Plaintiff,

I N F O R M A T I O N

12 v.

[18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2): Making
False Statements]

13 SALVADOR HUIZAR,

14 Defendant.

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16 The United States Attorney charges:

17 [18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)]

18 A. THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

19 At times relevant to this Information:

20 1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the United
21 States Attorney's Office ("USAO") were conducting a federal criminal
22 investigation into public corruption throughout the City of Los
23 Angeles (the "City") related to multiple suspected "pay-to-play"
24 bribery schemes (the "Federal Investigation"), a matter within the
25 jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United
26 States, namely, the FBI and the USAO. The Federal Investigation was
27 investigating multiple City officials, including defendant SALVADOR
28 HUIZAR's brother, Jose Huizar, then-Councilmember for Council

1 District 14 in Los Angeles, for soliciting and accepting bribes as
2 part of the "pay-to-play" scheme, including in the form of large
3 amounts of cash, and for money laundering related to the cash bribes,
4 among other things.

5 2. Between at least November 26, 2013, and August 22, 2018,
6 upon Jose Huizar's request, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR accepted
7 envelopes of cash from Jose Huizar on at least 20 occasions. In
8 exchange, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR contemporaneously wrote checks,
9 or facilitated electronic payments from defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR's
10 own bank account, to either Jose Huizar directly or to pay Jose
11 Huizar's expenses in the same amounts as the cash provided by Jose
12 Huizar. On multiple occasions, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR asked Jose
13 Huizar where the cash came from, and Jose Huizar told defendant
14 SALVADOR HUIZAR it was better that defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR did not
15 know the source of the cash.

16 B. FALSE STATEMENTS IN JANUARY 30, 2020 FBI AND USAO INTERVIEW

17 3. On or about January 30, 2020, in Los Angeles County, within
18 the Central District of California, in a matter within the
19 jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United
20 States, namely, the FBI and USAO, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR knowingly
21 and willfully made materially false statements and representations to
22 the FBI and USAO knowing that these statements and representations
23 were untrue. Specifically, on multiple occasions, defendant SALVADOR
24 HUIZAR stated that Jose Huizar gave cash to defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR
25 only because Jose Huizar owed defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR that sum of
26 money and that Jose Huizar only gave defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR cash
27 on a later unspecified date after defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR first
28 gave Jose Huizar a check. In fact, as defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR then

1 knew, Jose Huizar already had the cash for defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR
2 and would give it to defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR at the same time
3 defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR provided the check.

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